Work Plan for Utilising the Capability of NRIs

†**2945. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-resident Indians and people of Indian Origin living abroad have immense capabilities regarding intellectual, managerial and entrepreneurial resources;

(b) if so, whether government have formulated any plan to utilise these capabilities for the development of the Country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL):

(a) to (c) A High Level Committee on Indian Diaspora has been constituted in the Ministry of External Affairs under the Chairmanship of Dr. L.M. Singhvi, which would study, *inter alia*, the role of Non-resident Indians (NRIs) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) may play in the economic, social and technological development of the country.

Grants-in-Aid to North Eastern States

2946. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of grants-in-aid given to cover non-plan gap on Revenue Account as per recommendation of Eleventh Finance Commission to each State of the North-East under Article 275(1) of our Constitution;

(b) the total assistance for upgradation of standard of administration and specific grants for special problem recommended by Eleventh Finance Commission to each North-East State; and

(c) the grants released, so far, t the North-Eastern States for the local bodies, State-wise?

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